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Mayor Williams congratulated the newest major and sergeant. He stated there is a large Eastern European population in old north Dayton, parts of Huber Heights, and parts of Riverside. Many here have family over there going through war. He shared the story of what happened to an Asian restaurant in Riverside with one of his sons and how he will never have to worry about things others have to worry about.

Ms. Lommatzsch stated she lived overseas for seven years in different parts of the world and no place is like America. They have a lot to be grateful for. She stated she passed on information to the city manager about electric vehicles and the presentation she was in earlier this morning. She added that AES is providing grants to municipalities to put in charging stations and Kroger, nationally, is putting in charging stations. Mr. Rauch stated that all of this is still new; there are a lot of consultants trying to plug in costs. Discussion was held about electric vehicles. She thanked the school district for the community event; the food was good, and it was a good outreach to the community to see all the families in one place. She encouraged senior citizens to contact the fire department and take advantage of the Red Cross offering the free smoke detectors/CO detectors.

Ms. Fry congratulated Major Jackson and Sgt. Schmidt. She thanked Ms. Lommatzsch for participating along with the rest of the community in the recent blood drive. They received 14 units and it was much needed. The next drive will be April 18, in the blood mobile in the City of Riverside parking lot.


Deputy Mayor Denning congratulated Major Jackson and Sgt. Schmidt. He stated Sgt. Schmidt persevered, and he is glad he made it. He read the following quote from Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it once was like in the United States where men were free." His point to that is Ukraine had 30 years of freedom and then one man next door took that away in less than a week. They need to support people there for democracy and speak freely.

Mr. Joseph congratulated Ms. Lommatzsch on her election to 1st Vice-President of MVRPC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to go into executive session for personnel matters. Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.** Council went into executive session at 7:07 pm.

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 8:01 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.


Peter J. Williams, Mayor


Clerk of Council

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Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2753. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams stated one person had turned in a form to speak on non-agenda items. He asked Mr. Young to come to the podium and state his name and address and keep comments to three minutes.

Mr. Ricky Young, 144 Meyer Avenue, asked if all curbs on Meyer were being replaced or just damaged curbs. Ms. Bartlett replied it was all curbs. They did a cost analysis doing just spot repairs versus all curb and it was a cost advantage to the citizen to replace all curb. He asked why they are paying for the curb as everything he has read online stated the curb is part of the street and the street is the responsibility of the city. Ms. Bartlett stated that is not the case for the City of Riverside. Mr. Young asked if the date for when work done by a hired contractor, April 1, as stated in his letter has been revised. Mr. Rauch replied if he was interested in hiring a contractor and not having the city do the work, then he should contact Ms. Bartlett and let her know the scope of the work to determine if they can flex the deadline. Mr. Young stated he has a long stretch of gravel that has been in front of his home for a few months and it is difficult for him to get someone to come out and give him estimates. It does not give him much time with the weather. He asked about the sidewalks being done prior to the paving. Mr. Rauch stated certain parts have to be done before other parts, so they don't have to go back and tear any new work up. Mr. Young asked if they are putting in ADA ramps on the corner and if it was his or the city's responsibility since he lives on that corner. Ms. Bartlett stated he is not responsible for that. He stated he has already received a bill for \$11,000. It is a big hit. Mr. Rauch stated they will work with him to spread that cost out over several years. Mr. Young asked if they were thinking about bringing back the Founder's Day Festival at Shellabarger Park as it was nice to have that festival there. Deputy Mayor Denning stated there will be a one-day event at Community Park the last Saturday of June.

Mr. Joseph asked if it was common practice for citizens who needed curb work and such to reach out to the city and get an extension and is there a limit on how long they have. Mr. Rauch stated the folks that came to the council meeting they have been in touch with to coordinate. Discussion was held on the time line for this year as there was some budget issues. Discussion was also held on assessment.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Maxfield congratulated Major Jackson and Sgt. Schmidt, both these promotions are well deserved.

Mrs. Franklin encouraged people to go to the library and pick up a book about a woman in history as many women have helped to move the country forward.

Mr. Joseph reflected on how he takes feeling safe for granted and how he does not fear a bomb will go through his house or run into a tank. Unfortunately, millions in Ukraine do not have that assurance. He told the story of his great-grandmother and his grandfather being one of 11 children and has encouraged him to get involved in politics. He stated he is grateful for the chiefs and the men and women who serve the city and the military. He stated people can donate at www.redcross.org and donate to their fund to support Ukraine.

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A. RESOLUTIONS

- I) **Resolution No. 22-R-2750 – A resolution recognizing the Bob Chiles Classic as a function that promotes the public health, general welfare, and contentment of the citizens of the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Rauch stated this legislation is a charitable event that supports the Fisher House and USO. The donation is for \$100.

Ms. Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2750. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Resolution No. 22-R-2751 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District for professional services for the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution renews an existing agreement with Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District for stormwater support services. It instructs them to help the city continue counting storm sewer outfalls and keep them coming into compliance with the EPA notice of violation they received. It will be paid for with ARP monies.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2751. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- III) **Resolution No. 22-R-2752 – A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District for post-construction storm water management and inspection for the City of Riverside.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is a separate agreement for stormwater inspection services to keep the billing separate for this service. It establishes a retainer fee that they will pay soil and water and will draw against that fee as they are doing inspections. If they need to renew, then they have that agreement and can do so at a later date. It can also be paid for with ARP funds.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2752. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- IV) **Resolution No. 22-R-2753 – A resolution by the Riverside City Council revising the assessment of delinquent charges for the cutting and removal of weeds, vegetation and/or grass to be placed on the Montgomery County Property Tax Duplicate.**

Mr. Rauch stated this corrects some errors on the mowing assessments provided to Montgomery County in 2021. An additional property came in just a few days ago and the exhibit has been updated with the additional property.

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Old Harshman Rd. This will be more of a listening session to hear from the community. It will be a high-level primer on the land use plan process, an explanation of feedback they are looking for, and some open discussion like small-group roundtable talks.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: No one wished to speak on an agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 22-O-789 – An ordinance enacting a new Chapter 111, Council and repealing the existing Chapter 111, of the Administrative Code of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-789. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 22-O-789. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:38 pm.

Mr. Rauch reminded those watching that this ordinance repeals the duplicative in the administrative code that are also in the Council Handbook.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 22-O-791 – An ordinance to approve employee position titles, number of positions and pay ranges and to repeal Ordinance No. 21-O-764 passed May 20, 2021. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Rauch stated this is part of the organization chart reorg. It creates a financial administrator position, additional full-time firefighter positions, and a community paramedic medicine position. It also corrects a typo for the Police Major position that indicates \$93,000 as the top pay where it should have been \$95,000.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-791. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 22-O-791. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:41 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

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helping people that just needed some phone calls made and didn't know who to call. They will set up meetings with Premier and Kettering Health Network to set up partnerships to leverage what they are doing in the city with they are able to provide to get the maximum benefit out of this position and what they are able to do because of ARP and such. It has been a great benefit already. He added that battalion chief interviews will start in a couple of weeks. He had a lieutenant resign who is moving to Lebanon, so they will start that process to hire another lieutenant.

B) Police Department – Chief Robinson stated all officers are in Phase Training with the county. The training includes firearms, CPR, basic triage, taser training, and other things all at one time. He thanked a number of people who helped to serve as panelists for the recent promotions: Mr. Lohr, Major Sturgeon, Officer Skinner, /Chief Stitzel, Sergeant Scott Morgan from the Montgomery County Sheriffs Office, Sergeant Brian Carr from the Huber Heights Police Department, and Lieutenant Eric Sheldon from the Dayton Police Department. They helped to solve one of their biggest personnel issues. He stated that the grant for their bullet proof vests comes in reverse; he is not sure why they do that. He thought they originally had \$14,000 for the vests but found out they had \$26,000 as they were given \$40,000. There is no match, once it is spent it is gone. They then move back to the BVP grant, which is 50/50. Two of the mobile radios are at P&R getting programmed. They are at the mercy of Motorola for their portables. They could come in any time with or without batteries. They had GETAC equipment installed in one of the cruisers to demo as they use GETAC computers in the cars. They are looking at their in-car cameras and body cameras to compare to the current WatchGuard system. GETAC is offering comparable equipment at a better price. He mentioned there have been some serious crimes committed in the past month including an officer being shot at again. He stated if council has a question to get a hold of him and he will answer what he can and provide the city manager with some information. There are serious matters going on and they are handling that.

C) Service Department – Ms. Bartlett stated that crews continue to patch potholes. They are working on the paint striping program, the crack sealing program, and the 2022 pavement program. The new dump truck ordered over a year ago arrived today and still needs stickers applied. This gives them five dump trucks. Mr. Maxfield asked if the information on potholes has been put out on Facebook. Ms. Bartlett indicated it has. Ms. Fry stated instructions on informing the city also need to be included. Mr. Rauch let citizens know they can call in to let them know of the potholes as they do have a system to document work orders.

D) City Manager Report– Mr. Rauch stated they had a successful note sale and bond renewal last week. This enables them to do their 2022 paving program. They sold \$1.4 million in bonds at competitive interest rates. The note renewal with the Wright Point lease also had competitive interest rates. He thanked the consultants, partners, and Mr. Garrett for the hard work put into this. He stated they completed the RFP scoring for the new financial software system and will have the short list of vendors tomorrow. They are looking to do demos by mid-March and have one selected by April/May and move forward with implementation thereafter. He stated he will attend OML training this weekend with some of council. He stated the first of the three land use plan community meetings will take place at the Mad River School Administrative offices next Tuesday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at 801

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Service Director, John Freeman, Associate Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No council members were absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: There were no additions/corrections.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve the agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS: Chief Robinson introduced Sgt. Angela Jackson stating her promotion to lieutenant, and Officer David Schmidt, stating his promotion to sergeant. He read brief bios on Jackson and Schmidt. Mayor Williams swore in Lieutenant Angela Jackson and Sergeant David Schmidt.

MINUTES: Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 council meeting, and the February 17, 2022 council meeting/work session. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL CALENDAR: Mr. Rauch recommended moving the work session for March 10, to March 24, 2022, as legislation is light and can be moved to the first meeting in April. Should they need to meet for business, they can make the March 24, 2022 meeting a business meeting/work session. Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the recommended changes. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated any citizen wishing to speak should fill out a petition and turn it in to the clerk.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

A) Fire Department – Chief Stitzel stated he spent Monday and Tuesday in Columbus at a code academy class with another inspector to stay up to date on latest codes and changes. He received some information on the new fireworks law that was passed and will get it to them at a later date. They are finishing up the new CAD system this week as they had to start from scratch to write new responses in the new format. Firefighter Paula Balcom has been